

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE

DECEMBER 2, 2003

In 1998, voters approved Proposition 10, which created the Children and Families First Program to promote, support and optimize the early development of children from the prenatal stage until their fifth birthday. This program, known as the First Five awards grants, intended to improve recreation for children five years old and younger, by purchasing and installing preschool-age recreation facilities and equipment. First Five has awarded grant funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to install recreation equipment at Bethune County Park in my District and Saybrook Park in Supervisor Gloria Molina's District. Both of these parks have facilities and programs that can benefit from these grant-funded improvements. As a condition of receiving this grant funding, a local jurisdiction must adopt a resolution for the funding. In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding must be entered into between the County and the Conservation Corps to allow the improvements to be installed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby:

- Finds that these projects are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

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- Approve the attached resolution agreeing to participate in this program and accept these recreation improvements; and
- Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding approved as to form by County Counsel with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to cooperate with the Corps in the installation of the equipment and ongoing maintenance of the improvements.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ACT ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS FOR PRESCHOOL AGE APPROPRIATE RECREATION EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

WHEREAS, in 1998, the California voters approved Proposition 10, which created the Children and Families First Program ("First Five") to promote, support and optimize the early development of children from the prenatal stage until their fifth birthday; and

WHEREAS, First Five has awarded grant funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps ("LACC"), and under a program entitled "Facilities," LACC will then assist cities in the 46th California Assembly District to improve recreation opportunities for children five years old and younger by purchasing and installing preschool-age recreation facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, this project is exempt under Section 15301 (a) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; and

WHEREAS, County unincorporated property (County) is located in the 46th California State Assembly District and is fully committed to providing exciting, safe and age appropriate recreation opportunities for its preschool children; and

WHEREAS, the County has been invited to participate in LACC's effort and become a recipient of recreation equipment for children five years old and younger; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to obtain recreation equipment for children five years old and younger for use in Bethune Park and Saybrook Park; and

WHEREAS, a portion of unincorporated Southeast Los Angeles County is among the most poor communities in California; and

WHEREAS, 10% of the area's population is made up of children under the age of five; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles is fully committed to providing exciting, safe and age-appropriate recreation opportunities for its preschool children; and

WHEREAS, Bethune and Saybrook Parks have room to improve/replace such age-appropriate recreation equipment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

1. Authorizes the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute all necessary applications and payment requests for the purpose of securing recreation equipment for use at Bethune and Saybrook Parks and implementing and carrying out the purposes specified in the grant applications.
2. Designates the Director of Parks and Recreation as the County's liaison with the LACC.
3. Agrees that the County will manage, maintain and operate in good working order any and all improvements/additions that result from the LACC equipment grant for the expected life of the equipment.
4. Agrees that the County will work, under the direction of the designated person for the County of Los Angeles, with the LACC and its agents and designees to undertake the development/improvement of Bethune and Saybrook Parks.
5. Agrees that the County of Los Angeles will assign appropriate staff to serve as the County's liaison to the LACC and its agents and designees.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors following a roll call vote:

Approved and Adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2003

(Clerk)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____
Helen S. Parker